

Oakland-Macomb Interceptor Drain Drainage District

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Dodge Park Traffic Flows Freely Again; Sterling Heights Sewer Shafts Completed

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Traffic on Dodge Park road north of 15 Mile Road is back to normal following completion of an Oakland Macomb Interceptor access shaft and repaving of the west lanes of Dodge Park in the area of the construction project.

“We want to thank the residents and businesses in the area for their patience and understanding during the 16-month construction period,” said Macomb County Public Works Commissioner Anthony V. Marrocco.

Traffic had been pared back to one lane through the area --- located across from the Knollwood Apartments one-quarter mile north of 15 Mile --- because a 27-foot by 29-foot access shaft had to be constructed to gain access to the 9 ½-foot Oakland Macomb Interceptor.

A portion of the interceptor --- which is 60-feet below the surface --- was under the west section of Dodge Park road.

Left turns had also been barred from Eldorado onto Dodge Park. That restriction has also been lifted, Commissioner Marrocco said.

“We want to thank the residents of that area, parishioners at nearby St. Blase, and area businesses for their patience and understanding during the construction period,” Commissioner Marrocco said.

“We are also pleased to announce that work has been completed on another access shaft on Utica Road, in front of Sterling Heights City Hall, just in time for the upcoming Sterlingfest,” Commissioner Marrocco said.

“Completing the construction before the Sterlingfest began was foremost in our minds,” Commissioner Marrocco said. The access shaft extend 49 feet below the surface to the interceptor.

The two access shafts will allow workers and machinery to descend into the giant interceptor to do repairs.

The access shafts, as well as three similar shafts in Warren and Sterling Heights, are part of a massive \$144 million rehabilitation of the 21-mile long interceptor.